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**MINUTES**  
**MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**WORK SESSION – RULES**

Monday, May 11, 2020  
1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Web Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94247205283?pwd=WJDRjNMbSsrMEp5N0tsaVlnUW0vUT09>

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Conference code: 629222

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association  
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal  
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union  
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member  
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society  
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association

**BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:**

Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighter Training Division/Recording Secretary  
Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal (virtual meeting moderator)  
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator, Fire Fighter Training Division

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Matthew Erickson, LARA Communications (virtual meeting moderator)	
Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs	
Adam Carroll, Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority	Greg Mowbray, Brighton Area Fire Authority
Aric Massingill, Adrian Fire Department	Jack Pesha, Ferndale Fire Department
Bill Parker, Blair Twp, Fire Department	Jim Fisher, Gerrish Twp. Fire and EMS
Brandon Hausbeck, Saginaw Fire Department	Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department
C. Wallace, Waterford Twp. Fire Department	John Hanson, Homer Twp. Fire Department
Christopher VanLoo, Saginaw Fire Department	Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Corey Miller, Berkley Dept. Of Public Safety	Kurt Corradi, Bay City Dept. Of Public Safety
D. Cummins, Royal Oak Fire Department	Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department
David Feichtner, Springfield Twp. Fire Department	Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. Fire Department
Dave Glotzbach, Muskegon Twp. Fire Department	Mark F
David Pelton, Walker Fire Department	Matthew Covey, Waterford Twp. Fire Department
Farmington Hills Fire Department	Michael Cousins, Thomas Twp. Fire Department
Fred	Michael O'Brian, Brighton Area Fire Authority
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department	Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department
Greg Lelito, Madison Heights Fire Department	Muskegon Fire Instructors

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Paul Wells, Birmingham Fire Department  
Rob Edmonds, Alpena Fire Department  
Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety  
Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department

Robert Smith, Royal Oak Fire Department  
Ryan Tibbets, Kalamazoo Fire Dept.  
Steven McKellar, Plainfield Twp. Fire Department

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Before calling the special meeting to order, **Chairperson Tackett** announced that a roll call vote would be taken for any motion put forth to council during the virtual meeting and read the following introduction:

*In order to minimize disruptions, until the time designated by the Council for public comment, members of the public will be muted to the Council and other attendees and participants. During the time designated by the Council for public comment, members of public will no longer be muted and may participate and provide their comments by orderly speaking using the microphone on their phone. All existing Council rules regarding public comment (including rules designed to minimize disruptions and allow for full public participation) still apply.*

*All quorum rules still apply. In the event of a disconnection caused by the meeting host, the Council will be considered to be in recess. Every effort will be made to reestablish a publicly accessible connection. If the host is unable to do so within a period of 30 minutes from the time of the disconnection, the Council will adjourn and not address any new business until its next meeting. Any decisions made prior to the disconnection will be binding. The Council will not recess or adjourn due to technical or other issues experienced by individual members of the public that render them unable to attend or participate in the meeting.”*

**Chairperson Tackett** called the special meeting session to order at 1:05 PM. A quorum was determined present.

## **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

### **20-05-01**

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to approve the May 11, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes  
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes  
Councilperson Styles – yes  
Councilperson White –yes  
Councilperson Janik – yes  
Councilperson Steichen – yes  
Councilperson Pettinger – yes  
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes  
Councilperson Blackmer - absent

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **III. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Fire Marshal Sehlmeier** shared that he received a letter from Chief Flynn on behalf of the OAKWAY Chiefs regarding the rules.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated April 30, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFTD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed on page 28 of the draft rules with council adding clarifying

language to alternative learning platforms and county training committee. A brief discussion was had regarding Rule 18(5), the 3 year cycle of validating the continuing education courses by the fire service member being necessary. Council decided to keep the section, however, will look into updating the clarity of the language.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Chief Feichtner, Springfield Township:** Provided feedback on items council should revisit during the next meeting. Specifically, real life credits, MIOSHA versus MFFTC rules, clarifying total continuing education course hours, and separating member responsibility rules for emergency medical services and firefighters to avoid confusion.

**Chief Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department:** When prompted by Chairperson Tackett, responded that he feels the letter from the OAKWAY Chiefs did a nice job of summarizing their thoughts regarding rules and they value the work that the council is doing.

#### **VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

**Councilperson Steichen:** Conveyed it was nice to get through the sub-rules and feels that the group has done a good job. He thanked everyone for their time.

**Councilperson Styles:** "See ya Monday" for the next work session.

**Councilperson Blomstrom:** Feels good about to being close to the end of the process and is looking forward to the next work session on Monday, May 18th. Also mentioned that the Curriculum Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to go over Fire Officer I test.

**Councilperson White:** None.

**Councilperson Janik:** Mentioned that he will bring up certified teachers, Certified Fire Instructors at the next meeting.

**Councilperson Pettinger:** Thanked everyone for their patience.

**Fire Marshal Sehmeyer:** Thanked everyone for coming and appreciates those who are signing in to the meeting and providing input/feedback. He also informed the participants of Executive Order 77 that allows first responders to resume training and that he has been developing guidelines to get back to training safely.

**Chairperson Tackett:** Appreciates everyone's time and patience. Mentioned sending out a revised list of rules versus laws to council.

**Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs:** Said that she provided fire marshal with a few examples to use to formulate the disciplinary proceedings portion of the rules.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**20-05-02**

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson White** to adjourn the special meeting/work session.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes

Councilperson Blomstrom – yes

Councilperson Styles – yes

Councilperson White –yes

Councilperson Janik – yes

Councilperson Steichen – yes


Councilperson Pettinger – yes

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer – yes


Councilperson Blackmer - absent

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.

APPROVED:

  
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Chairperson Tackett

  
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Councilmember